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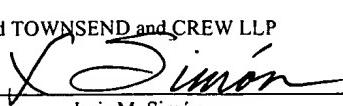
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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